

69th Boule Part II/2021 Leadership Seminar
Soror Glenda Glover-Supreme Basileus
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Delegates Report-Soror Shardena Jones

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July 12, 2021

The Boule/Leadership Seminar kicked off with a warm welcome by Madam Supreme Basileus, Glenda Glover. Madam Supreme would like us to engage in seminars, workshops, certifications, and sisterly relation activities. This marked a historic combined conference for the sorority and Madam Supreme is encouraging us to Let the Good Times Roll as we Exemplify Excellence in the Pink Easy.

The first day was dedicated to certifications ranging from Chapter Basileus, Directorate Certification, Financial Officers, Graduate Advisors, and Investigation's certifications. I attended the Basileus Certification. This was led by Soror Mary Connor, Chair and Soror Kathy Walker Steele, Co-chair. This certification is a three-target course module that focuses on Excellence in leadership, conflict resolution, and meditation. They talked about the leadership skills that you would need to perform in this role. They kept us engaged by showing us whether we are an inspiring leader or currently serving in this role it will be met with challenges from Sorors who may be opposed to leadership, need tips on how to keep your pink from turning red, and how to continue to foster the necessary leadership skills to serve.

Workshops were held that afternoon. I attended the Protocol 101 workshop. This was led by Soror Jennelle Rush Dabney, Chair, International Protocol Committee. This was a refresher course that all Sorors can benefit from as we look over the basic protocols. We must remember that protocol is the responsibility of all members. We discussed how to interact with our Very Special Guest. They guided us through the process begin with basic correspondence, itinerary, travel and how to aid in their stay. The roles and responsibilities were outlined in our 2nd edition 2020 Official Guide to Protocol.

July 13, 2021

This was another day of workshops and regional celebrations. I attended HBCU's a Call to action! Marketing/Promoting HBCU's. This workshop was led by Soror Emily M. Dickens, Chair, HBCU Task Force. This workshop focused on ways that our chapters can better promote, market, and support our HBCU's. Madam Supreme along with the members of our sorority have made great strides in highlighting our HBCU's by supporting Madam Supremes' 1 million in a day. Fun and creative ideas were shared in how we can engage our chapters as well as our Signature Program #CAP.

The delegates had a training that afternoon to prepare for our plenary sessions. During this training we were able to participate in mock voting and ask any questions regarding the voting process.

Our Southeastern Region Boule Gathering was a lot of fun as we were taken on a tour and given the true New Orleans experience. Our first stop was to Bourbon Street where we made pink hurricane

drinks. There was a virgin as well as an alcoholic version provided. Then we took a stop on Canal Street as we had a Nola cooking demonstration and made jambalaya. Then we set off to Royal Street where we engaged with one another and played a game of kahoot and watched Sorors participate in the photo room to win prizes and ended on Frenchman Street for a concert with Tonya Boyd Cannon. It was a treat to be able to connect with our Sorors from our region as we have been apart during this pandemic.

July 14, 2021

69th Boule Part II Opening

Plenary 1 I enjoyed the opening music preludes that came from Sorors from all over the various regions. The dais was introduced by International Protocol Committee Chair, Soror Jennelle Rush Dabney. The meeting was called to order by Madam Supreme Soror Glenda Glover. The Regional Directors gave introductions with a New Orleans flair. Our Former Supremes' brought greeting via prerecorded videos. The greetings and welcome were brought by Soror Sheryl Rodriguez, Chair of the 69th Boule Part II and the response was given by Soror Terri Dean, Chair 69th Boule Part I. The charter was presented by Soror Cynthia Howell, Executive Director, and she gave the registration report. The seating of delegates was by completed by Madam Supreme Basileus. The rules report was given by Soror Bonnie Washington Murdah, Supreme Parliamentarian and Soror Martha Perine Beard, Chief of Staff. The agenda was adopted as printed by Madam Supreme Basileus. There were appointments for the rules, tellers, and time and place committees.

Plenary 2 began with musical prelude. Plenary was called to order by First Supreme Anti-Basileus Danette Anthony Reed. Introduction of Madam Supreme was done by Second Supreme Anti-Basileus Jasmyn E. McCoy. Supreme Basileus report was given and met with celebratory ovation. The International Committee report was given and Sorors all over were able to pivot during these trying times and were creative and innovative in implementing programs. The undergraduate report was given by the Undergraduate Activity Committee as they continue to R.E.A.C.H. The report of the International Connection Committee.

Public Meeting

The public meeting will honor the legacy and success of our Historically Black College and Universities. HBCU'S have played a pivotal role in educating and preparing our communities. AKA EAF is now the largest minority owned women's foundation in the country. The foundation is working to establish an endowment at every HBCU by raising 10 million dollars in funds. Many schools were highlighted and presented donations to aid in the establishment of an endowment on their campuses. Awards were presented.

July 15, 2021

Plenary 3 began with musical preludes with Sorors throughout the regions. Meeting was called to order by Madam Supreme. The induction of our honorary members was a momentous highlight as we welcomed women of Excellence. Soror Chelle Luper Wilson, Supreme Grammateus gave the

rededication prayer. Our Regional Directors and Soror Nadine Bonds, Chair, Rituals Committee led the Ivies Beyond the Wall Recognition. There was a beautiful tribute to the first responders.

The Sisterly Relations Celebration had a live appearance with Soror Phylicia Rashad. She was so relatable and talked with Madam Supreme about her success

Plenary 4 consisted of Committee reports from risk management, international constitution, tellers committee, international finance, international investment, and international standards committee. Voting took place during Plenary 4.

Amendment 1 Yes-3597, no-36; Amendment 2 Yes-3704, No-160; Amendment 3 YES-3925 No-24; Amendment 4 Yes-3840, No- 32, Amendment 5 Yes-3783, No-114; Amendment 6 Yes-3971, No-26; Amendment 7 was withdrawn; Amendment 8 Yes-3862, No-111; Budget Adoption Yes-3489, No-17

We closed out the night with the Soror Welcome Gala.

July 16, 2021

Plenary 5 began with musical prelude. The meeting was called to order by Madam Supreme. There was a continuation of committee reports membership, membership intake, economic impact study, pandemic task force, disaster relief task force, building and properties, leadership fellows, and specialty license plate. The time and place committee announced regional conference dates and 70th Boule dates. Southeastern Regional Conference dates for 2022 are March 3-6 Memphis, TN and Boule will be in Orlando, FL, July 10-15 2022. The 70th Boule invitation was done by the Orlando Hostess chapters. Madam Supreme gave closing remarks and Boule adjournment. I thoroughly enjoyed the chat with the Supreme Basileus. She took questions from all Sorors who had questions regarding the Sorority or her journey to where she is now. She also hosted a session with the undergrads. The closing gala kicked off in true New Orleans fashion with a second line. This was a true celebration and a wonderful ending to our 69th Virtual Boule/Leadership Seminar.